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#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to the use of alkoxyated crosslinked polyglycerols for demulsifying oil/water emulsions in amounts of from 0.0001 to 5% by weight, based on the oil content of the emulsion to be demulsified. The alkoxyated crosslinked polyglycerols of the invention is crosslinked with multifunctional electrophilic compounds having a molecular weight of from 1000 to 100 000 units and which comprise 5 to 100 glycerol units which are alkoxyated with C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylene oxide groups or a mixture of such alkylene oxide groups so that the crosslinked alkoxyated polyglycerols have a degree of alkoxylation of from 1 to 100 alkylene oxide units per free OH group.